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"Some Consequences Of Evolution"

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The theory of evolution continues to plague our society as it denies the very existence of God, stating that the universe came into being by some cosmic accident that occurred billions of years ago. At the same time, this theory has produced consequences that extend beyond the initial fact of denying that there is a God who created us. Due to the fact that folks have been told for years and years that we are nothing more than "glorified apes," or cosmic accidents, we are enduring the consequences of this false doctrine. Let us consider some of these consequences together.

Loss Of Morals

While some proclaim to be part of an "enlightened," and "tolerant" culture, we continue to see folks engaged in many forms of immorality, and then justifying their behavior by saying, "Who are you to judge me?" As we survey society, we see a continual erosion of morals, and this erosion of morals has come as a result of rejecting God as Creator.

Consider the fact that if it is true that we are here by evolutionary chance, then the above question, "Who are you to judge me?" is VALID! For truly, no person could be a "moral superior" to another.

Yet, when we accept the truth that God made us, we find that there is a "moral superior" to

Whom we must submit! God has given us a "moral code" (and so much more) by which to live. It is found in the Bible! Perhaps the most "moral" rule of them all, Matthew 7:12, was not spoken by men, but by the Son of God, who spoke the Father's word to people (Jn. 12:50). Christ said, *"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the law and the prophets"* (Matt. 7:12). James stated, *"If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scriptures, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well'"* (Jas. 2:8).

Consider how man acts today. Often, man's actions contradict Matthew 7:12 and James 2:8! Often, man's actions also contradict Ephesians 4:28; I Peter 3:3-5; Ephesians 5:4; I Timothy 6:10, and other passages! How then can folks say they are better off in their unbelief of God than they would be if they believed and obeyed God's word?

Yet, IF there is no God, then we need not worry about morals, because the current generation defines them. When this generation passes, the next generation will redefine morality yet again. How horrible it is to think of folks living on the "shifting sand," and not the "solid rock." This is one of the consequences of believing the false theory of evolution.

Homosexuality Accepted

If there is no God, and we are only here because of chance, time, and mutations, then why do we have such a national divide on the subject of homosexuality and ho-

mosexual "marriages"? Scientists have tried for years to say there is a "homosexual gene." Why do this? It is to convince folks that homosexuality ought not be considered an immoral act, and be accepted by our society. This is also their motivation for finding "homosexual" animals. They reason that since man and animals "evolved" together, then it is only "natural" to find homosexual animals.

Yet, God has condemned homosexual behavior all the way through the Bible. For example, in Old Testament days, God told the Israelites, *"You shall not lie with a male, as with a woman: it is an abomination"* (Lev. 18:22, 20:13). In the New Testament, we see this condemnation again, when Paul told the Corinthians that such folks *"shall not inherit the kingdom of God"* (I Cor. 6:9-10).

To the Roman Christians (people well-acquainted with folks openly engaging in homosexual practices), he wrote, *"For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another; men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error"* (Rom. 1:26-27). Please note those words Paul used. By the inspiration of God (I Cor. 14:37; II Tim. 3:16-17), Paul said homosexual behavior was *"dishonorable," "contrary to nature," "shameless,"* and *"error."* Does this sound like descriptions of a "genetic design" or "natural selection"? Do these words describe a practice which pleases God? Sometimes, folks who are homosexual say, "I didn't choose this. Did you choose to be heterosexual?" This is said to try to put perverted sexual desires and natural sexual desires on an equal plane. Yet, notice that God did not do this. By

implication, He showed heterosexuality to be “natural” by declaring homosexuality to be “contrary to nature.” Please understand, we must oppose sexual sins in any form (Heb. 13:4; I Cor. 6:18). Yet, it cannot be denied by the one who loves God’s word and intends to follow it that God has condemned the “lifestyle choice” of homosexuality.

Hence, the reason some folks will promote and push the theory of evolution is so we will not believe that we have a Creator and Designer, and therefore, will consider homosexuality “normal,” and merely one’s genetic design. This is wrong!

Hedonism On The Rise

Perhaps you are not familiar with this word “hedonism”, but you are very familiar with its definition! In a culture where evolution is promoted as a “fact,” the pursuit of “pleasure” is a top priority! This is what hedonism is about — the pursuit of pleasure, and mainly sensual pleasure (Strong’s #2237, Vine’s).

While the word “hedonism” is not found in our English Bibles (it is in the original Greek), the definition of the word is there. It is found in such passages as Luke 8:14; Titus 3:3; Hebrews 11:25; James 4:1, 3; and II Peter 2:13. In each case, this pursuit of pleasure, this “hedonism,” is condemned!

For instance, consider Christ’s words in Luke 8:14: “*And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.*” Jesus said the “pleasures” (hedone) of this life choked out the word that was in the hearts of some! Moses on the other hand chose to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy hedonistic pursuits (“*the fleeting pleasures of sin ...*”). James condemned some Christians be-

cause they were guilty of asking for things so that they could “*spend it on (their) passions (hedone).*” The Bible consistently condemns this selfish pursuit of pleasure, wherein one is focused upon fulfilling lust.

Sadly, our society caters to this type of thinking, encouraging folks to “do your own thing.” We are told, “You only go around once, so grab all the gusto you can!” Our culture encourages people to “do what is right for you” and similar sayings. All this does is encourage this self-centered attitude which God condemns!

Yet, if the theory of evolution is true, then who cares? In a way, evolution gives us license to act like animals; for if we are nothing more than a glorified string of molecules, accidentally set on this earth merely to be born, procreate, and die, we might as well take in all the pleasures possible before we die and go out of existence!

Theistic Evolution Is False Doctrine.

Some today (even brethren) teach that God created everything by merely “starting” the evolutionary process (i.e., theistic evolution). This does not solve anything. To attempt to “marry” two opposing systems (Creationism, and Evolution) is like trying to ride two horses at the same time that are going opposite directions! It can’t

be done! Such compromisers ought not be tolerated by brethren any more than we would tolerate a compromiser teaching that both the guilty fornicator and the innocent spouse have a right to marry another mate (Matt. 5:32, 19:9)! Compromisers with the theory of evolution ought not be tolerated by brethren any more than we would tolerate a compromiser teaching that it is right to use an instrument of music in worship (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)! Theistic evolution is not true because evolution is not true!!

Conclusion

May we see just how insidious the theory of evolution is. It is MORE than merely a theory of how man might have come into existence. This false doctrine is pushed and pressed on folks as if it were true. The “accepted” dating of earth strata, fossils, the universe, etc., is based on this false theory. Sadly, when folks believe and follow this theory, when they suggest that the earth and the universe is billions of years old, they are promoting a false doctrine that systematically attacks God and our faith. The Evolutionary theory opposes that which gives glory and honor to God!

When we see the decline of our society, the irreverent and outright denial of God, and the break-down of morals, rest assured that this false doctrine called the theory of evolution is the cause of much of it. Beware brethren, and remember Genesis 1:1!

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